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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/728,246	ORSER ET AL.
	Examiner Keri A. Moss	Art Unit 1797

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 September 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 105-123, 146 and 147 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 105-112, 119-123 and 146-147 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Group I claims 105-123 and 146-147 in the reply filed on September 28, 2007 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 113-118 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

4. In claim 113, it is unclear what "oriented in the forward direction" is modifying. Is it the target protein that is oriented in the forward/reverse direction or is it the first amino acid sequence? If it is the amino acid sequence, it would be clearer if "oriented in the forward direction" immediately followed "amino acid sequence."

5. Claims 114-118 are unclear by virtue of being dependent on claim 113.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 105-112, 119-123 and 146-147 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Prusiner et al (USP 5,565,186). Prusiner teaches a protein probe comprising the sequence of instantly claimed SEQ ID 2 (columns 27 and 28, amino acids 103-121). The probe inherently corresponds to a β-sheet forming region of a target protein as its sequence matches the claimed sequence. The target protein is associated with Creutzfeld Jakob disease, Kuru and fatal familial insomnia (abstract). The detectable label is an optically detectable moiety (Example 9).

8. Claims 105-112, 119-123 and 146-147 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Prusiner et al (USP 6290954). Prusiner teaches a protein probe comprising the sequence of instantly claimed SEQ ID 2 (column 41, amino acids 103-121). The probe inherently corresponds to a β-sheet forming region of a target protein as its sequence matches the claimed sequence. The target protein is associated with

Creutzfeld Jakob disease, Kuru and fatal familial insomnia (columns 3-4). The detectable label is an optically detectable moiety (Example 9).

9. Claims 105-112, 119-123 and 146-147 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Collinge et al (WO 01/07479). Collinge teaches a protein probe comprising the sequence of instantly claimed SEQ ID 3 (Fig. 5: Mouse (RML), Mouse (Sh) and Marsupial amino acids 109-122). The probe inherently corresponds to a β -sheet forming region of a target protein as its sequence matches the claimed sequence. The target protein is associated with Creutzfeld Jakob disease, Kuru and fatal familial insomnia (page 1). The detectable label is an optically detectable moiety (page 9-10).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Keri A. Moss whose telephone number is 571-272-8267. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on (571)272-1700. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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